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Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 7-26-04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): The parenthetical of claim 9, i.e. "(Original)", is inconsistent with the currently amended claim 9. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Also it is noted that on line 16 of claim 1, "and" and ";" should be reversed. On page 18 of claim 1, is Applicant deleting the last letter of the word "surface" or not?

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Karin M. Reichle whose telephone number is (703) 308-2617. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Larry Schwartz can be reached on (703) 308-1412. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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